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Mr. William F. Caton
Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W.
Room 222
Washington, D.C. 20554

EX PARTE

Re: PR Docket No. 93-144

Dear Mr. Caton:

On behalf of Nextel Communications, Inc. and pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Federal Communications Commission's Rules, this letter constitutes notice that on April 17, 1997, Daniel Akerson, Chairman and CEO of Nextel Communications, Inc., sent the attached letters concerning the above-referenced proceeding, to Chairman Reed E. Hundt, Commissioner Rachelle Chong, and Commissioner Susan Ness.

An original and one copy of this letter have been filed with the Secretary pursuant to Section 1.1206. An additional return-receipt copy is also enclosed. Please return in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope. Should any questions arise in connection with this notification, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

NEXTEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Laura L. Holloway
General Attorney

Enclosures

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The Honorable Reed E. Hundt
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: 800 MHz SMR Auctions, PR Docket No. 93-144

Dear Chairman Hundt:

Last December, I met with you to urge expeditious adoption of geographic area licensing of 800 MHz Specialized Mobile Radio ("SMR") systems, using auctions, and that the top 200 SMR channel auctions be held in early 1997. I emphasized that although Nextel supports the 800 MHz Industry Consensus licensing plan, most important is that the Commission act quickly to end its two and a half year SMR licensing freeze and allow the industry to move forward. You indicated that the Commission might act within the next few weeks.

Unfortunately, it is now almost four months later and the Commission has not done so. This delay is hard to understand. Every Commission staff person tells us that they recognize the urgency of this matter, yet no decision has been adopted despite monthly promises of imminent action.

The transition of SMRs from outmoded site-by-site licensing to geographic area licensing has yet to begin, while cellular and PCS operators enjoy regulatory-based advantages in system buildout flexibility, licensing speed and administrative expense. These continuing advantages create an uneven regulatory playing field for commercial wireless companies contrary to Congress' express directive in the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993.

I urge you to issue a decision immediately and commence the upper 200 channel SMR auction. The promise of robust competition among enhanced SMR, PCS, and cellular licensees can only be fully achieved if competitors are free to build out their systems and vie for customers on the basis of their service offerings. Adopting a decision and commencing the upper 200 channel auctions as soon as possible are critical to promoting effective competition among wireless carriers.

I appreciate your prompt attention to this letter.

Sincerely,

Dan Akerson

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